

Remarks

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed September 3, 2004. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of this Application. To expedite issuance of a patent from this Application, Applicant has canceled Claims 1-20 and 27-39 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

Allowed Claims

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of Claims 21-26.

Cancelled Claims

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-3, 6, 11-13, 16, 27, 29, and 34-39 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,356,784 to Lozano et al ("*Lozano*"). The Examiner also rejects Claims 4-5, 7-10, 14-15, 17-20, 28, and 30-33 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lozano* alone or in combination with other references. Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's statements or conclusions in these regards, to expedite issuance of a patent from this Application, Applicant has canceled Claims 1-20 and 27-39 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this case is in condition for allowance. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this case in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact Christopher W. Kennerly, the Attorney for Applicant, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6812.

Applicant believes that no fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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